

## News from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services



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### **ASAP Auto Salvage Ordered to Shut Down and Clean Up**

Concord, NH — The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services recently issued administrative orders to cease operations and clean up environmental violations at ASAP Auto Salvage on Granite Road in Kingston. In the orders, the operator of the facility, Kenneth Chapman, and the property owner, Russell Thomas, are cited for multiple environmental violations at the site, including the discharge of oil to the ground, failure to properly handle and store regulated substances including oil and gasoline, open burning of prohibited materials, operating a solid waste facility without a required state permit, unlawful dumping of construction and demolition material, improper storage and management of scrap tires, and failure to perform an investigation on the property to identify the nature and extent of contamination due to the discharge of oil.

The enforcement action requires all facility operations to cease immediately. It further requires the removal of all junk motor vehicles, scrap tires, construction and demolition debris, and petroleum contaminated soil to a facility permitted to accept the wastes. In addition, the enforcement action requires Thomas to provide a plan for assessing the site contamination due to the release of petroleum on the property.

“New Hampshire’s groundwater, air, and soil are precious resources that must be protected,” stated DES Commissioner Thomas Burack following issuance of the orders. “Although many auto salvage yards in New Hampshire are doing a good job of protecting our environment, there are a number of other yards that are not. DES will continue to pursue violations of environmental laws at auto salvage facilities that endanger public health and the environment.”

For more information about auto recycling and related environmental requirements, visit the DES website at [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) or contact the N.H. Green Yards Program for Auto Recyclers at (603) 271-2938.

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